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DIARY NOTES

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1. Department of State--Publicity on Checking Americans Abroad: In connection with the present squabble and publicity of the Passport Division, DOS' checking on Americans abroad at the request of enforcement agencies, there was some reference in the press trying to involve the Agency. Mr. Helms stated that we should deny any such allegation and state that we have absolutely nothing to do with checking on Americans overseas. I passed this guidance to [redacted] and Howard Osborn. There have been no further references.

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2. [redacted] called upon me to take up the case of promotion to GS-15 of [redacted] Support Officer for RID/DDP. He cited past history and appeals; I was aware that this case had been pending for a long time but had been held up because of conflicting points of view and the evaluation that the position would not warrant a GS-15. In all equity and to resolve the issue, special action was required. I decided that [redacted] should be promoted to GS-15 on an "indefinite encumbancy" basis. [redacted] prepared the necessary papers and the Support Career Board will be informed. While this action may appear to be inconsistent with some of the normal procedures, rules, evaluations, etc., I decided to rescue the case from the administrative bind and take this action without prejudice to the system by which such promotions are normally processed.

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